

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 March 66 23/1105Z	2. LOCATION Temple, Oklahoma (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>	10. CONCLUSION <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> This case is carried as UNIDENTIFIED since after evaluation of all the available information, no concrete explanation is possible. NOTE: Second observer has not returned the requested Form 164.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer spotted object parked on highway in front of his car. Observer stopped car and got out to investigate, but as he got close to the object, a man apparently entered the object and immediately the object began to rise from the ground. The object had the appearance of a conventional aircraft (C-124) without wings or motors. Object was 75 feet long, nearly 8 feet from top to bottom and about 12 feet wide.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <u>Ground-Visual</u>	
7. COURSE <u>SE</u>	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM  
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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(2) NONE

(3) SEE PARAGRAPH C (1) ABOVE.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

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(1) 1100Z/23 MARCH 1966.

(2) NIGHT TIME.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34<sup>0</sup>10'N - 98<sup>0</sup>10'W (ON U.S.

HIGHWAY 70, 25 MILES NE WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS)

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: MR. [REDACTED]

AGE - 57; BOX [REDACTED] TEMPLE, OKLA; AREA CODE [REDACTED]

CIVILIAN INSTRUCTOR AT SHEPPARD AFB, TEXAS.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) PARTLY CLOUDY, WINDS FROM NORTH AT 30 MPH.

(2) NONE

(3) NONE

(4) GOOD

5 May 1966

Spoke with Major B. J. McDaniel, Sheppard AFB, Texas 736-1001 - Disastor Control Officer. He was the only one who had gone out and talked with Mr. [REDACTED] He didn't find out about any specific experimental aircraft, however, there are experimental aircraft in the area from Camp Walters; Bell Helicopter, at Ft. Worth and Ft. Sill, Ling Temco Vault.

Spoke with Ft. Sill and got a negative. They had nothing in the air at 5 am on 23 March 1966. They had some operational at 10 am (1600Z - 0000Z). Their numbers are preceded by OH--13

Received negative results from:

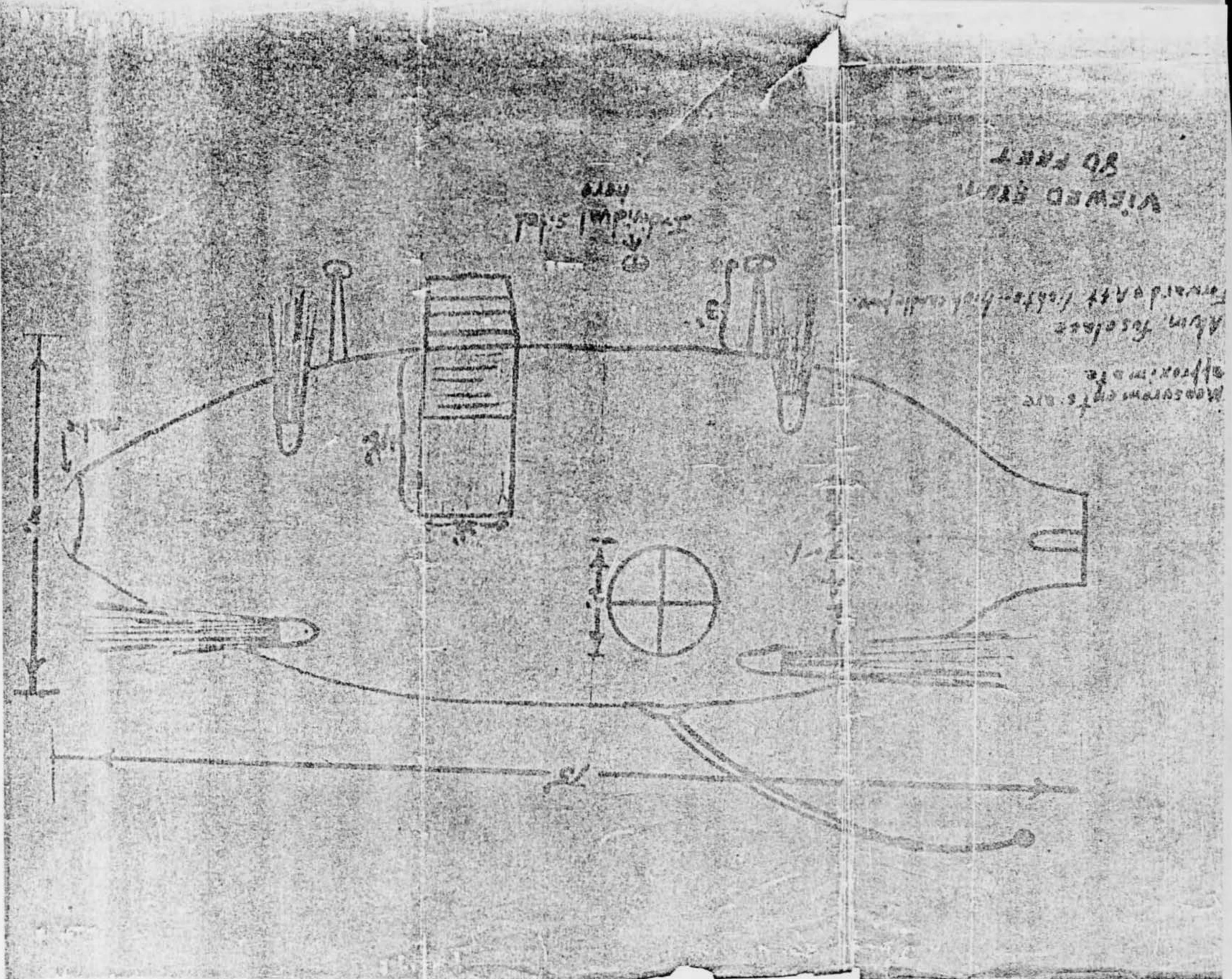
Altus AFB

Fort Walters

Sheppard AFB

Bell Helicopters

Ling Temco Vault.



## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

23      Mar.      1966

Day

Month

Year

2. Time of day: 05

Hour

05

Minutes

(Circle One):  A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern  
 b. Central  
 c. Mountain  
 d. Pacific  
 e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
 b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Temple

Oklahoma (Cotton County)

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

Hours      Minutes      Seconds

40

c. Not very sure

a. Certain

d. Just a guess

b. Fairly certain

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Time to get out of car first 10-20 yds + return part way

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes

No \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright  
 b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright  
 b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you  
 b. In back of you  
 c. To your right

d. To your left  
 e. Overhead  
 f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

#### **8.1 STARS (Circle One):**

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

### 8.2 MOON (*Circle One*):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight – pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

**CLOUDS (Circle One):**

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

**WEATHER (Circle One):**

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

### 11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Forward & Aft lights were extremely high candle power. One could read headless at 1½ miles. Testimony.

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):

- a. Fuzzy or blurred
- b. Like a bright star
- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember

e. Other No sharp edges. Had appearance of a conventional aircraft fuselage.

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a? Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Rose from pavement vert. & sped southeasterly at approx 720 m.p.h.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No  Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes  No  Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: Did not move in front of but was parked in part of the rear portion partially blocked out a  road curve sign.

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound High speed drill plus sound a welding rod makes when striking  
 b. Color Aluminum (as side of an airplane fuselage)

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? Can't use match head comparison. Obj. was 75' long, near 8' from floor to ceiling & near 12' wide. It rested on supports approx 3' long.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

see enclosed sketch.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 720 m.p.h.

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? Measured 80 yds.

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. Inside a building

b. In a car

c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane (type)

e. At sea

f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? 40 mph to Zero miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

h. Other

Through my eye glasses after getting out of car.

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

A C-124 Aircraft without wings, pur. plants or empennage. Just the fuselage

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

"No

Mangum, Okla.

Obj followed him down to highway as he traveled W. from Waurika.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes  No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes  No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

I drove 1.5 miles down highway W. after  
object left & <sup>saw</sup> Anderson who had stopped to watch the  
lights. He pointed to the lights hovering over Red River  
approx 5 to 6 miles S.E. of us.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

Zip

73568

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE 56 SEX M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

Have over 8,000 flying hours in Single Eng (mostly instruction time)

" Aircraft & Eng. Mech. license

" Ground school ratings in CAR - AC - Eng. - Navigation, Meteorology

Parachute Rigger

Received AC identification in 1942

Have BS degree - Art, Econ., Sociology

Am a printer, journalist

Have been Scoutmaster many years.

Skipper of a Sea Scout ship

Have a Sunday School class for 10 yrs. of High School students (Methodist)

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

23

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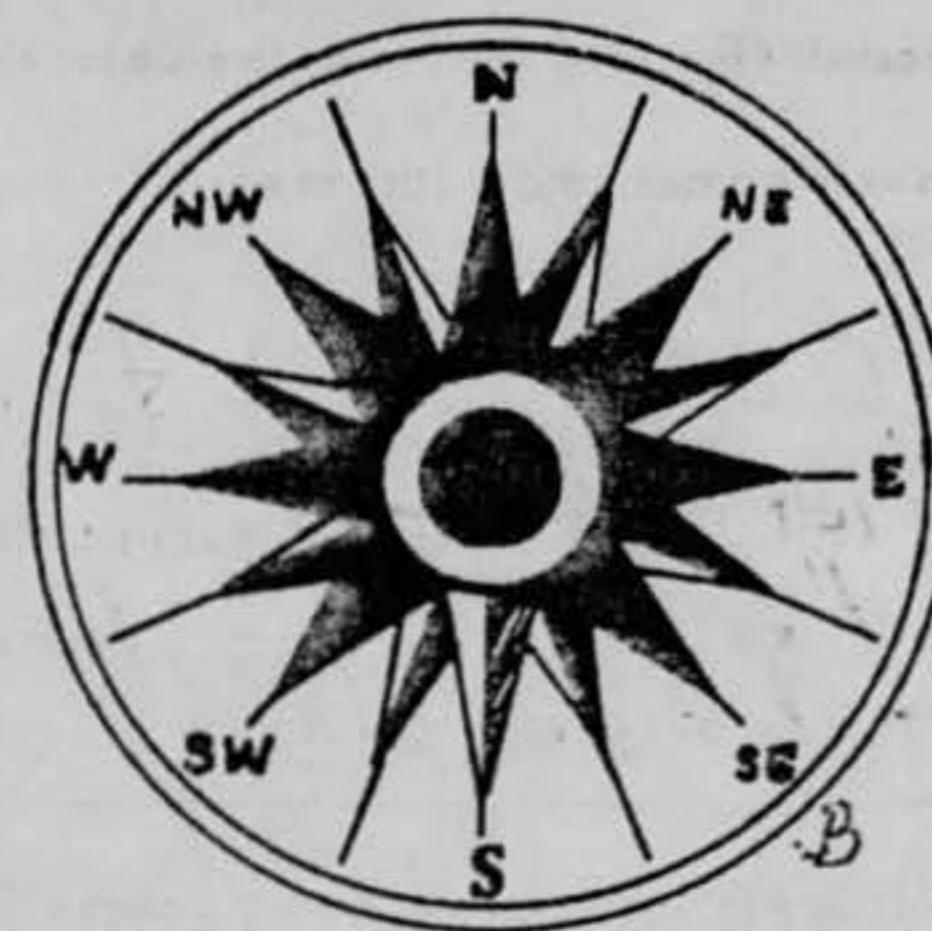
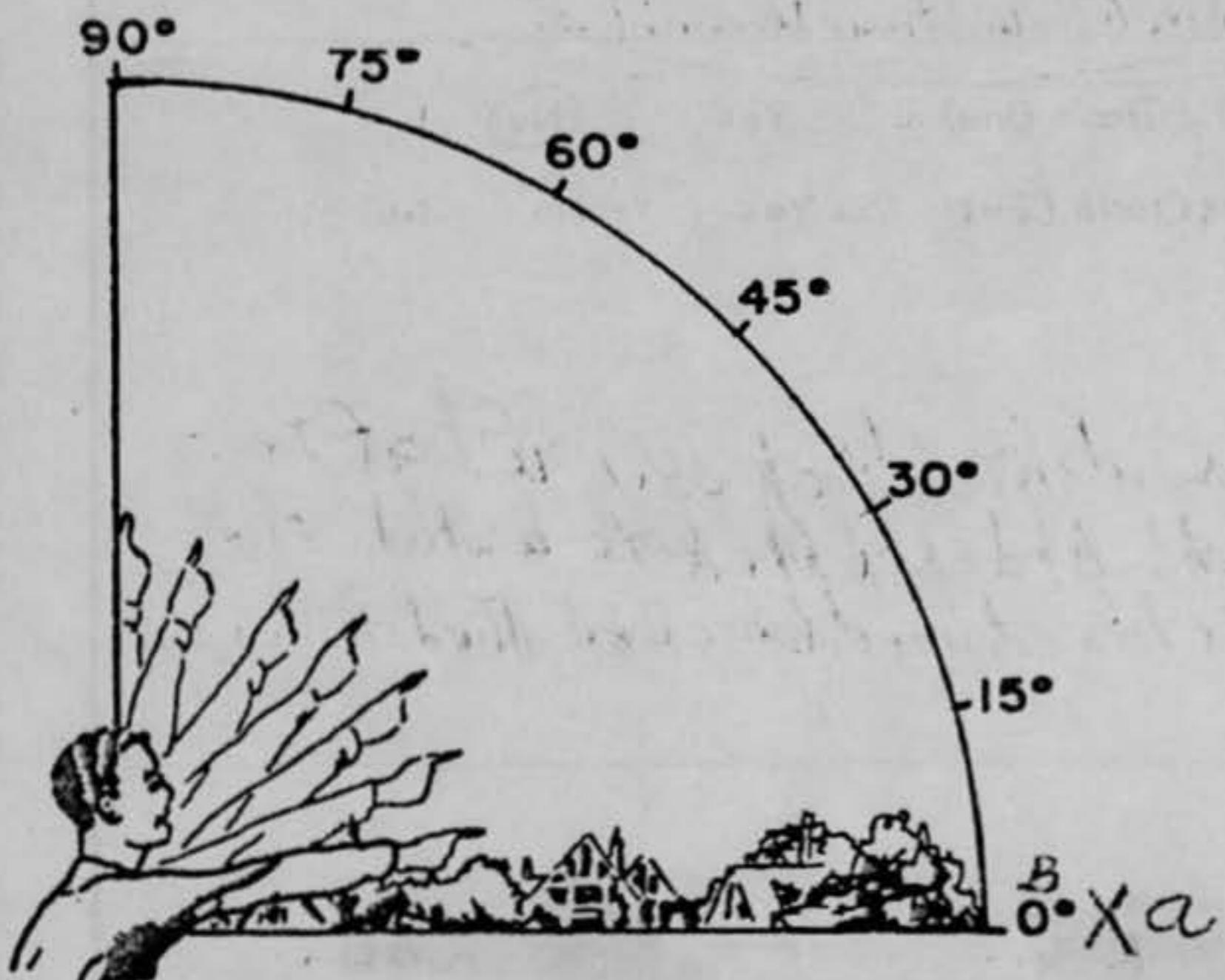
Day

Month

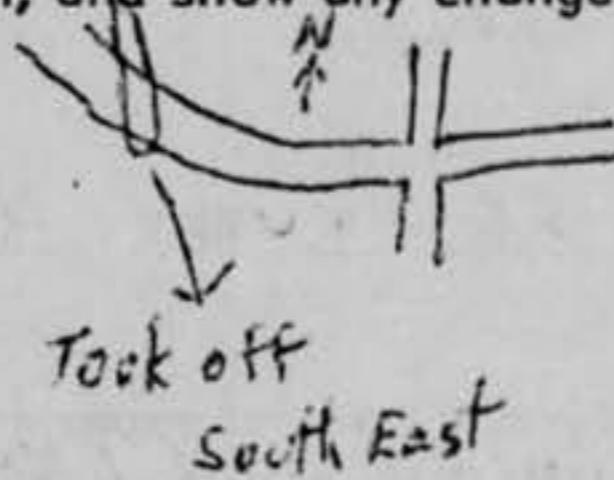
Year

Glen Shelton, Wichita Falls Times, Wichita Falls, Texas.

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



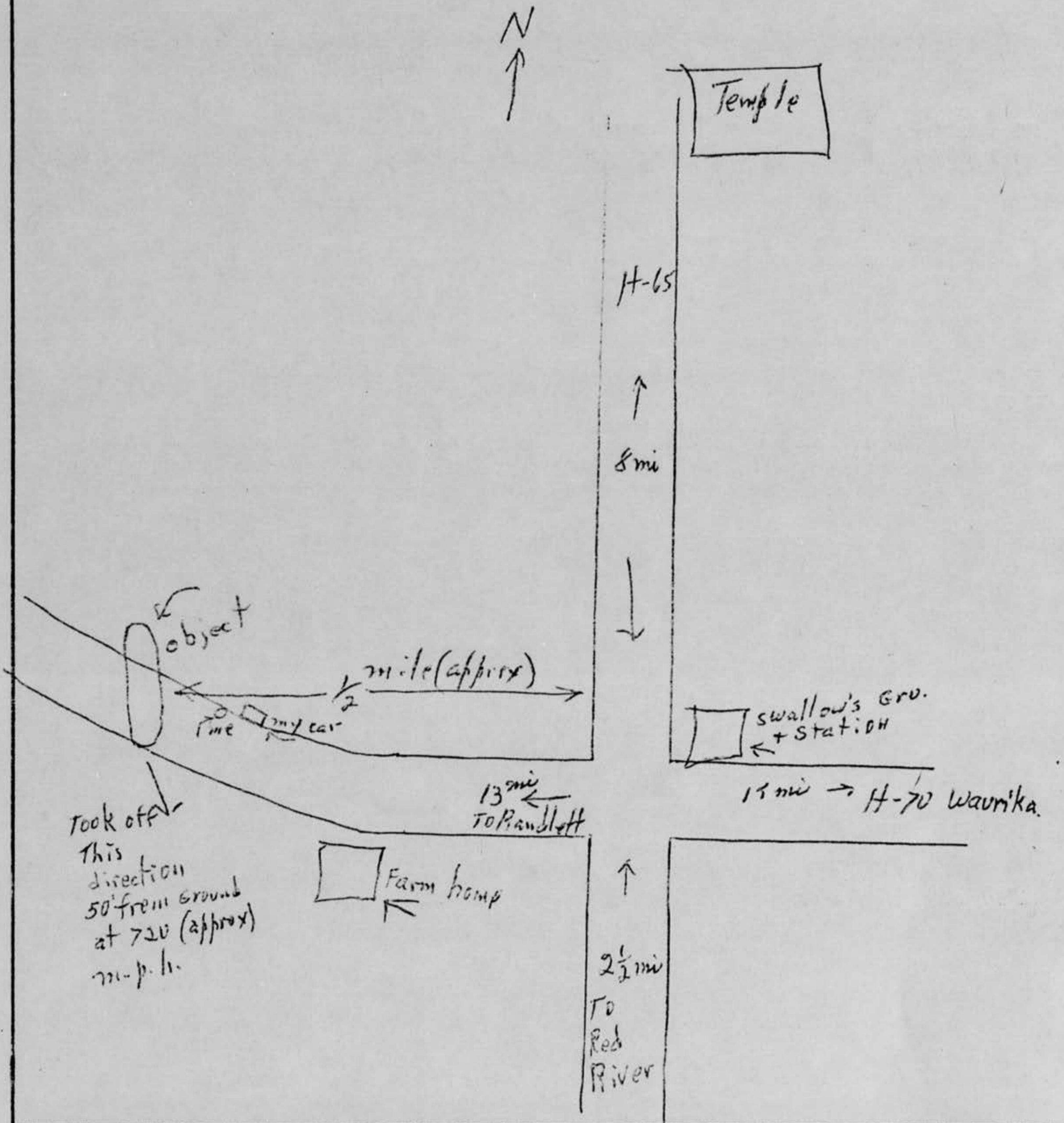
29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Only one

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8  
Day      April  
Month      1966  
Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.



23 March

FTD (TDEW)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
27 April 1966

c/o ██████████ Company  
Mangum, Oklahoma 73554

Dear Mr. ██████████,

This office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report for 23 March 1966. In this report it indicated that you also observed the object. To aid in our evaluation we would appreciate your completing the attached FTD Form 164.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

TEMPLE, OKLAHOMA

23 MARCH 1966

Observer was driving his car along the highway at approximately 0505, 23 March 1966, when he noticed an object parked on the road in front of him. He stopped the car and got out so as to get a better view of the object. The object was so parked that it blocked out a portion of a road curve sign. There were no sharp edges noted by the observer. The object had the appearance of a conventional aircraft (C-124) without wings and motors. There was a plexiglas bubble on top, similar to a B-26 canopy. As observer approached, he noticed a man wearing a baseball cap enter the object by steps from the bottom. After the man had entered the object, it began to rise from the pavement and headed on a southeasterly direction at approximately 720 mph. The objects had forward and aft lights that were very bright. As the object rose from the ground, a high speed drill type of sound was heard, plus a sound like that of welding rod when an arc is struck. Object was 75' long, nearly 8' from top to bottom and about 12' wide. There were some type of supports on the bottom of the object.

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COMMENTS

Various organizations were contacted around the Temple area for a possible experimental or conventional aircraft. The observer stated that he thought the object was some type of Army or Air Force research aircraft. All attempts at such an explanation proved fruitless, since there were no aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting.\* Although there are numerous helicopters and other experimental aircraft in the area, none could be put in the area of Temple at approximately 0500, 23 March 1966. Because of this factor the case is listed as unidentified by the Air Force.

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1100Z  
Wichita Falls  
Texas  
Pending 164

APR 4 1966

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Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
31 March 1966

[REDACTED]  
Box 402  
Temple, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Reference your recent unidentified observation of 23 March 1966. The information which we have received is not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

*Hector Quintanilla*

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

*Marilyn Stancomb*  
ORIGINATOR: TDEW/UFO

DATED 31 March

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ACTION: NIN-7 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (15)

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RUEBHQQA

ZNR UUUUU

R 252335Z

FM TECHNGCEN SHEPPARD AFB TEX

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUWGKG/29AIRDIV RICHARDS GEBAUR AFB MO

RUCDSQ/AFLC

RUEBHQQA/CSAF

RUEBHQQA/OSAF WASH DC

INFO RUWTFJA/ATC

BT

UNCLAS XPO 27052 MAR 66.

FOR: AFLC (FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV); CSAF (AFNIN); OSAT  
(SAFOI); ATC (ATCOI). SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

- (1) RESEMBLED A FISH (AS STATED BY OBSERVER).
- (2) APPROXIMATELY 11 FT HIGH, 12 FT THICK AND 75 FT LONG.
- (3) SILVER WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS.

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(4) TL4738 OR TL4138

(5) ONE OBJECT

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(6) PLEXIGLAS BUBBLE ON TOP SIMILAR TO B-26 CANOPY.

(7) NONE

(8) AS OBJECT DEPARTED IT MADE A HIGH SPEED DRILL LIKE  
NOISE.

(9) AS OBSERVER APPROACHED OBJECT A MAN WITH BASEBALL CAP  
WAS OBSERVED TO ENTER OBJECT BY STEPS FROM BOTTOM. THE OBJECT  
IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) OBJECT WAS SITTING ON HIGHWAY.

(2) LEVEL

(3) LEVEL

(4) ROSE STRAIGHT UP 50 FT.

(5) INSTANTLY TO SOUTHEAST.

(6) THIRTY SECONDS WHILE ON ROADWAY AND FOR 30 SECONDS  
IN FLIGHT.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL AND AIR-VISUAL

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(5) SAME AS PARAGRAPH G(1) ABOVE.

(6) NONE

(7) UNKNOWN

H. UNKNOWN.

I. UNKNOWN.

J. UNKNOWN.

K. DISASTER CONTROL OFFICER. McDANIEL, BYRON J., MAJOR,  
FV962531. UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT OBJECT WAS.

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1. NONE. THERE ARE NUMEROUS HELICOPTERS AND OTHER  
EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT WITHIN A 100 MILE RADIUS OF WHERE THIS UFO  
WAS SITED. NO INDICATION OF ORIGIN OF OBJECT OR REASON FOR LANDING.

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